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<b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION</b>	<b>RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS:</b> P-C-05 (ESSENTIAL)	
<b>CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>SUBJECT: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING</b>	
<b>APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:</b>		
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07</b>		

**PURPOSE:**

Healthcare staff is trained to administer medications in a timely and safe manner in the correctional environment.

**POLICY:**

1. Prescription medications are administered by personnel licensed or permitted in Delaware for this activity and by individuals licensed in Delaware to prescribe medications.
2. Licensed personnel have medication administration issues included in orientation program.
3. Training will include:
  - a. Drugs used within each institution, including their action and possible side effects. Current reference material is readily available.
  - b. Security matters inherent in the administration of medications in a correctional environment.
  - c. Accountability for administering medications in a timely manner according to order.
  - d. Recording administration of medications in the Medication Administration Record (MAR), according to policy and procedure.
  - e. Accountability for proper inventory of medications and proper disposition of syringes and needles.
4. Documentation of this training is maintained in personnel files of each licensed individual.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Jails, 2003, J-C-05